

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Contact Division, OO

22 March 1954

ATTENTION : Support Branch, OO/C

FROM TO : FE/RQM/OIB

SUBJECT : Third International Congress of Orientalists -  
Dr. Nicholas POPPE

Reference : OO/C memo, H-980, dated 2 Oct. 53

1. The reference memorandum indicated that Dr. Nicholas POPPE might attend the Third International Congress of Orientalists.
2. The FE Division is interested in obtaining certain information relative to the areas of Inner Mongolia, Sinkiang, Tannu Tuva and the Mongolian People's Republic (MPR). In the event that Dr. POPPE does attend the subject congress, and if his clearance permits, it is requested that the attached list of requirements be forwarded to him.
3. We feel that if Dr. POPPE uses the attached questionnaire as a guide in eliciting information from his former associates who might attend the congress, we would be able to receive current information not otherwise available to us.
4. We were informed by the Security Office that Dr. POPPE was given a Covert Security Clearance on 14 July 1950. This clearance was to be effective for a period of two months. The Security Office has no record of any further type of clearance granted for the use of Dr. POPPE.

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REQUIREMENTS FOR POPME

POPULATION

1. Is there any tension between nationalities? If so, describe the nature of the friction.
2. Are there any restrictions against minority groups or foreigners? If so, describe.
3. Estimate, in figures, the strength of various religious groups and sects: Buddhist, Moslem, others. Who are the leaders of each such group? Their popularity and following.
4. Describe any friction and intolerance among various religious groups.
5. What is the political attitude of any of the religious groups vis-a-vis Communist China, Soviet Russia and the outside? Describe the separatist nature of any of the religious groups.
6. Describe instances of the Communists using religious, separatist or other groups for the promotion of their own cause.
7. Describe the local broadcasting station and its personnel, availability of radio sets, approximate number of radio listeners.
8. What is the organization of local administration?

ECONOMY

9. Describe all methods of transportation, public conveyances between communities schedules and routes. Who controls and owns such transportation? If caravans represent the only mode of transportation in an area, describe the schedules. What day of the week does the caravan start, who decides whether a person may join the caravan? What are the fees, if any?
10. Are consumer goods available in the open or public trade? List commodities available for purchase. Is there any rationing? If so, when and by whom was it introduced?
11. Locate and describe retail outlets in the area, such as publicly and privately-owned stores, magazines, bazaars. Is any of the private trade under government control?
12. What items are readily convertible into cash; i.e., drugs (what type), precious stones, etc? What persons would be likely to have money to buy such items?
13. Name and describe any government-sponsored enterprises employing large numbers of laborers: roads, bridges, irrigation projects, power plants, etc. Describe each such project.

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14. Is there any shortage of labor in the area? Which skilled or unskilled groups? What is the percentage of men, women and minors (under 16) employed in each enterprise in the area?
15. Can working people change their place of employment at will? How does a newcomer obtain a job? Must one belong to a union? Must one have a special certificate for employment?
16. What are the wages received in kind or in cash?
17. Are there any labor unions? Who are the leading personalities?
18. Describe the housing situation of the area? How can a newcomer secure lodgings and what sort of lodging may be available? Are there any hotels in town? What are the accommodations? Do people live mostly in one-family houses? Describe.
19. What sort of clothing is worn by men and women? Are there any native groups wearing Western clothing? Describe in detail all the pieces needed for an average outfit of clothing for the area?
20. Are there any public eating places in the area? Restaurants, bazaar dinners, or others, where an unsettled newcomer may obtain his meals? (Subject should probably describe how he managed to obtain food and lodging when he first arrived in the area).
21. Describe the social and cultural behavior of the people: Are they friendly toward strangers, inquisitive or indifferent? Do they drink excessively? What is their attitude toward the U.S? Toward the USSR and Communist China? Give some of the most common topics of conversation.
22. What is the people's attitude toward organized religion? Are the monastic orders popular or influential? What are the percentages of people attending public worship?
23. If informant is familiar with the subject matter, induce him to discuss at length such topics as public or accepted morality regarding religion, private property, family relationship (paternal and filial), matters of sex, vested secular, nobility and monastic lords, etc. How strong, in subject's opinion, are these standards of mores as a bulwark against new norms of life conceived in Communist ideology?
24. Describe the educational institutions and facilities in area, secular and religious.

MILITARY

25. What type of troops are in the area? How many of them are there? What is their equipment; small and heavy arms, vehicles; are they mostly mounted troops, using horses or other animals?
26. Describe any group of troop installation as to location, size, headquarters, with complete details on uniforms worn and any information of the type of training for such units. Is the personnel voluntary or compulsory? If mixed, what is the proportion in numbers?

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27. What political indoctrination, if any, does the Army personnel receive? Give the names of political instructors, including any Chinese or Russian Communist instructors.
28. What are the living conditions of the Army personnel? What pay in money or in kind does a soldier or an officer receive? Is he better dressed than the civilians? Can you comment on the esprit de corps of the armed units?
29. Has any airfield been constructed in the area? If so, give exact location, size, repair and other buildings surrounding the field, roads leading to the field from the nearest town, condition of the field itself, runways; from where does the field receive fuel and where is its storage?
30. Is the field used for military purposes only or is it used for civilian craft as well? If the latter, what are the known schedules of flights, time and direction?
31. What, if any, are the distinguishable landmarks surrounding the field? Give topographical features, mountains, and hills, rivers, power lines, and other obstructions. Could the field be enlarged in its present location?
32. Give complete description of the runways, dimensions, shape and type surface.
33. Give any information available on the personnel manning the field, size of unit, types and numbers of craft, training establishments and instructors, natives or other.

INTERNAL SECURITY

34. Who is in charge of internal security, locally or on a provincial basis?
35. Describe in full the city or town police in the area. Where are its headquarters, who is in charge and what is the strength of the police or militia organization? What sort of policemen are they? Loyal to their bosses and organization or willing to accept bribes? What is their pay in comparison to other people's salaries?
36. Describe any secret police known in the area, such as Communist-controlled agents, their organization, leadership and functions.
37. When crossing the various borders, did informant have any experiences with border police? Are border police regular units of armed forces or specially detailed groups? What is their organization and command? Give all pertinent locations known.
38. Has the local government of the area introduced the use of any identity cards, certificates, or internal passports for the citizens in the area? If so, can you describe the forms used?
39. What are the passport and other document requirements for foreigners coming into the area or living there?
40. What foreign passports are normally recognized by local authorities. If in difficulties because of personal documents, can a newcomer "buy his way out" of trouble? Can you give any instances?
41. What documents, if any, are needed for internal travel by natives or by foreigners? Describe in full.

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42. Are people forbidden, as a matter of rule, to travel outside their district of domicile?
43. Are there any restricted areas? If so, who is authorized to visit such areas and what documents are required?
44. Are there any control points on highways between municipalities, provinces, or other? What is the procedure at such control points? How can one avoid trouble at these points?
45. Do you know of any instances where undesirable people were removed from an area for security reasons? Give details.
46. Has the population been removed from any frontier zone known to you?
47. Is a curfew imposed on the area? What is the nature of it?
48. What constitutes the police system (including powers and organizations) as defined by legal statutes, official utterances, actions of the persons in power?
49. What was the nature of the system established? What are its general features? How extensive is the system in terms of agencies involved? In terms of manpower and equipment and semiofficial police agencies (informers, public self-surveillance organizations); How does the system compare to that of USSR, China, Britain, or America in terms of type, efficiency, degree of civil liberties, etc.?
50. How is the system of police agencies administered? What organizations have primary authority? To whom is that authority delegated? How is the police force recruited, trained, paid, and disciplined? How are several police forces and agencies coordinated? To what extent are they responsive to the authorized administrator?
51. At what points does the police system come into contact with the public? Where are police stationed? How many? In what matters do they intrude upon community life? For what causes are people apprehended? How much freedom of action and speech is left to the individual and local community? What services of public welfare are performed by police agencies?
52. What is the penal process, beginning with the initial apprehension of the individual and including his detention, charge, rights of habeas corpus and bail, if any, court proceedings, and punishments? What do crime statistics show in terms of kinds of crimes, degrees of, percent apprehended and convicted, etc.? Do the figures indicate any discrimination? What different kinds of courts are there? What civil rights (lawyer, appeal, jury trial, etc.) are enjoyed by the individual citizen?
53. Who administers the jails and prisons? How many are there? How large? What are the health, recreational, etc., conditions for prisoners?
54. Are there labor camps? Are convicts exiled to the USSR?
55. Type, amount and forecasts of mining production in Northern Sinkiang, particularly the Kuldja and Chugachak areas.

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